

December 5, 2019 Minutes – NH Hospital Association, Concord NH  
Licensed Advanced Pharmacy Technician Work Group

Attendees – John Genovese (NH BOP), Gary Merchant (NHBOP), Tina Genovese, Stuart Tracy (NHACDS), Michael Bullek (NH BOP), Anne Fellows (NACDS), Brett Conroy (Hannaford), Maryann Cooper (NHPA), Breanne Piazik (Elliott Hospital), Kaitlyn Simoneau (Shaw's/Osco), Kate Chisholm (Rite Aid), Melissa Wilson (Cheshire Medical), Ryan Burke (PTCB), Janet Silvester (ASHP), Joe Allen (Pillpack), Lindsey Fontaine (Wal-Mart), David DePiero (Concord Hospital), Roy Courchaine (Rite Aid), Rachel Sahagun (Walgreens), Ann Burns (APhA), Anthony Pollana (NHPA), Jessica Treadway, Lindsey Laliberte (NH BOP), Denise Boulais, Helen Pervanas (NH BOP), Jennifer Slavens (Walgreens)

Via phone: Allie Jo Simpson (NASPA), Jessica Langley (NHA), Kathy Bryant (Price Chopper), Christopher Rochon (Pillpack), Robert Theriault Jr. (WDH), Judy Neville (AAPT), Rob Geddes (Albertson's)

This was the fourth meeting of a board of pharmacy work group created to develop rules related to a new category of licensure, Licensed Advanced Pharmacy Technician or LAPT. The group met from 9AM until Noon with several attending via tele-conference.

- 1) Meeting opened at 9:10AM by the Chair (John Genovese) with introductions.
- 2) Motion by Gary Merchant, second by MaryAnn Cooper to approve the October minutes with a spelling correction – expect to except. Motion was approved with unanimous consent.
- 3) Scope of Practice – work group had a robust discussion to define the scope of practice for a Licensed Advanced Pharmacy Technician. Discussion focused on creating a list of duties to be allowed in the scope of practice or creating a list of duties not allowed in the scope of practice.

A list of allowed duties would assist in creating the educational, training and experience requirements for licensure and provide guidance. However, a list of duties would need to be flexible to allow for application in the various types of practice such a community, institutional, compounding, homecare, nuclear, call centers, and central fill. Such a list would require a lengthy process to revise board rules including public hearings, and the review and approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR).

A list of duties or tasks not allowed to be performed by an LAPT would mirror how the law was written and allow various practice settings to have flexibility in how they would utilize an LAPT depending on the respective setting. Pharmacists may prefer a more prescriptive approach as the profession has historically been 'rules driven' that is, more objective as in what may I do (what does the board of pharmacy allow) rather than subjective, what should I not do.

A suggestion was made to tackle education, training and experience requirements for licensure, the group should create a list of duties to assist the group, however, the list should not be included in the rules. Supporting a list of duties was that JLCAR may look to a list.

The group wrestled with the age old chicken or the egg dilemma – How do we know what duties to

allow when we do not know the education, training and experience requirements for licensure, and how do we not what is needed for education, training, and experience when we do not know the duties.

As no other state has an LAPT to guide us. A recommendation was put forth by a technician who said – let's focus on identifying as many duties as possible for the LAPT and then decide on what education, training and experience is needed for them to safely perform the duties.

4) For January meeting:

- a) Gary will send an email to members of the group asking for a list of duties they recommend may be performed by the LAPT. Gary will send out a survey to all members with this list of duties requesting support or no support for each duty. Results will be shared before the next meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020.
- b) Military – Ann Burns and Janet Silvester will reach out to their contacts within the military regarding use of the military program curriculum and knowledge-based exam for pharmacy technicians.
- c) NABP pre-law results – John Genovese will follow up with NABP regarding results of certified technicians taking the pre-law (MJPE) exam. Individuals have been asked to take the exam by December 13, and results should be available at the next meeting.
- d) Canadian Technician knowledge-based exam – Gary Merchant will contact the national Canadian pharmacy organization to discuss the potential to utilize their training and educational program for licensure of the LAPT.

5) Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27 from 1P to 4P at the NH Hospital Association located at 125 Airport Road, Concord, NH.

Submitted by Gary Merchant  
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